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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Welcome to Prominent Overseas Representatives.

On July 5th a luncheon party was held in honour of three prominent representatives of the Association from overseas—namely, Sir George Syme, F.R.C.S., of Melbourne, President of the Australasian Medical Congress, 1923, Chairman of the Federal Committee of the British Medical Association in Australia, a Vice-President of the Association, and first President of the College of Surgeons of Australasia; Dr. A. J. Orenstein, C.M.G., of Johannesburg, President of the Federal Council of the Medical Association of South Africa (British Medical Association); and Mr. C. L. Leipoldt, F.R.C.S., Organizing Secretary of the Medical Association of South Africa (British Medical Association) and Editor of the *Medical Journal of South Africa*. By a happy coincidence all these three gentlemen happened to be in England at the same time, and Sir George Syme and Mr. Leipoldt are staying for the Annual Meeting at Cardiff. The hosts at the luncheon at the May Fair Hotel were the officers and chief officials of the Association. As Lady Syme is accompanying Sir George she was invited to the luncheon and was received by the ladies of the hosts. The Chairman of Council took the chair, and in addition to the Chairman of the Representative Body there were present the Chairman of the Dominions Committee, Dr. W. Paterson; the two representatives of the Australian Branches on the Council, Sir Jenner Verrall and Mr. T. P. Dunhill; and Dr. Barcroft Anderson, the representative of the African Branches. The President, President-Elect, and Treasurer of the Association were unavoidably absent. The luncheon was designedly kept informal, but after the toast of "The King," Dr. Brackenbury in a few words said how glad the hosts were to welcome overseas representatives who held such distinguished positions in the Association; Sir George Syme, Dr. Orenstein, and Mr. Leipoldt briefly replied.

Annual Meeting at Cardiff: Facilities for Motorists.

With a view to facilitating traffic proceeding to the Cardiff Meeting of the British Medical Association (July 20th to 28th) the Automobile Association, by special arrangement with the local executive committee of the British Medical Association, has undertaken to provide motorists visiting Cardiff with a distinctive label for attachment to their vehicles. These can be obtained on application to the A.A. offices in London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol, Exeter, and Cardiff, at any A.A. roadside telephone box situated in South Wales, and from the reception office of the British Medical Association, Dumfries Place, Cardiff. Specially prepared town plans of the city, showing the main entrances and exits, special A.A. parking places, general parking facilities in the centre of Cardiff, and the principal places of interest, may be similarly obtained. Temporary direction signs to the B.M.A. reception office, scientific sections, and the City Hall are also being erected by the A.A.

Sections at the Annual Meeting at Cardiff.

The title of the discussion in the Section of Therapeutics and Pharmacology at the Annual Meeting next week at Cardiff has been changed to "Medical treatment of gastric disorders." It will be opened by Dr. A. F. Hurst (London), followed by Dr. T. Izod Bennett (London); the latter will speak on treatment by diet and drugs. Dr. J. H. Anderson (Ruthin Castle) and Dr. A. P. Cawadias (London) will also take part in the discussion. A paper on the therapeutic value of valerian will be read in the same section by Dr. J. S. Manson (Warrington). The speakers in the discussion on early treatment of psychoses and psychoneuroses, to take place in the Section of Mental Diseases and Neurology on Friday, July 27th, will include Dr. R. S. Allison (Ruthin Castle). Among those who will take part in the discussion in the Section of Orthopaedics on low backache and sciatica, to be opened by Mr. W. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh) on July 25th, are Mr. D. McCrae Aitken (London), Mr. P. Jenner Verrall (London), and Mr. B. Whitchurch Howell (London). The speakers in the discussion on Volkmann's ischaemic contracture, to be opened in the same section by Sir Robert Jones on Thursday, July 26th, will comprise Mr. D. McCrae Aitken (London), Mr. W. Rowley Bristow (London), Mr. H. A. T. Fairbank (London), Mr. B. Whitchurch Howell (London), Mr. D. S. Middleton (Edinburgh), Mr. C. Max Page (London), Mr. Harry Platt (Manchester), Mr. Alan H. Todd (London). The Section of Laryngology and Otology has arranged a demonstration of cases at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, on Thursday, July 26th, at 2.30 p.m. The meetings of all the Sections will be held in the New University Buildings.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

Border Counties Branch.

The fifty-seventh annual general meeting of the Border Counties Branch was held at the County Buildings, Dumfries, on June 15th, when Dr. J. R. Burnett, the retiring president, was in the chair.

The meeting, standing in silence, passed a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Dr. J. W. MacDougall, president in 1883–84, whose funeral was being held that day at Edinburgh, the Branch being represented by Mr. N. Maclaren and Dr. R. D. Helm. The Branch Council's report and financial statement were adopted.

The following were elected officers for 1928–29:

President, Dr. J. Ritchie. *President-Elect*, Dr. C. W. Graham. *Vice-Presidents*, Drs. P. M. Kerr and J. R. Burnett. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. G. T. Willan.

The meeting approved the Council's decision that presidents of the Branch since 1923 be asked to give a gold link with name and date engraved, to be attached to the presidential badge. Dr. J. R. Burnett, on vacating the chair, invested Dr. J. Ritchie with the insignia of office. A hearty vote of

thanks was accorded to Dr. Burnett for his conduct of the chair.

Presidential Address by Dr. John Ritchie.

Dr. RITCHIE delivered his presidential address entitled "Some primitive conceptions of disease and their bearings on public health." He remarked that each race, society, and stage of culture had its own medical problems, and that medical progress was, in fact, influenced by all the factors of communal life, many less obvious ones having been, and still being, of importance in the evolution of State medicine. Such were ancient traditions, religious beliefs, vestiges of folk-lore, and all the instincts and prejudices which modified the mental attitude, and were the more potent in that they were generally too deep-rooted for criticism or evaluation. In the evolution of public health, which was essentially a compromise between medical ideals and practical politics, the influence of popular beliefs and requirements could be most clearly detected. Dr. Ritchie traced the history of the practice of disinfection and fumigation back from its modern form in the use of formaldehyde vapour in connexion with diphtheria infection to references in Egyptian papyri to an official called the "superintendent of fumigations." It seemed obvious that the practice of disinfection was older than the discoveries of Pasteur, yet its value to-day was in no way affected by the fact that their forerunners practised something very similar thousands of years ago. Certain beliefs and practices, founded on no real basis of fact, were nevertheless found in widely separated peoples all over the world. Their independent evolution was so incredible that they must be regarded as the survivals of ancient and widespread beliefs, lying at the very roots of medical practice, and still influencing popular ideas on medicine, though long since discarded by popular science. The fundamental pathological theory held by primitive races was that disease and death were contrary to nature and due to the action of hostile spirits; prophylaxis consisted of measures to foil or expel such supernatural adversaries. Dr. Ritchie described many of the varieties of this form of belief through the ages, and then discussed the belief in disease as a definite entity which visited the body and was capable of being transmitted. He showed how the conception of epidemics as a divine visitation had persisted until comparatively recent times. Other primitive beliefs dealt with included the various ideas that disease might be caused by the malevolence of the dead, by contact with corpses, or by exudations from their remains. The speaker illustrated his points with numerous examples of extraordinary beliefs and practices. He next mentioned the common custom in all parts of the world of erecting barriers against disease. Certain Indian races made obstacles of thorn or ditches to keep small-pox and cholera from their villages; in Kenya arches, decorated with grass and berries and charms, were built; in Serbia and Russia until recently magic circles were cut round threatened villages with ploughs dragged by chaste and naked youths and maidens. Dr. Ritchie thought that such practices indicated a universal idea that infection might be checked by isolation, while something resembling quarantine could also be found in the practices of uncivilized peoples in the form of taboos. In view of the serious results following the introduction of infection into an isolated community such precautions might be of real value in preventing disease; they resembled, in theory if not in practice, the quarantine regulations in force throughout Europe until recent times, and they represented the crude beginning of the "carrier" theory. After dealing with the Hippocratic theory of the influence on infectious disease of the epidemic constitution of the atmosphere, the speaker concluded by pointing out that the customs of savage races indicated a belief that disease was contagious, and that precautions to limit the risk of infection were necessary. Contagion, therefore, was recognized and legislated for by laymen long before any reference to it could be found in medical literature. It was not until the time of Pasteur that they found the importance of infection universally acknowledged by the medical profession. During the prevalence of plague in Great Britain, while medical authorities were still discussing its etiology in terms of "nocent stars," comets, earthquakes, and miasmata, the municipal authorities in every threatened town were taking action by isolating the plague-stricken, keeping contacts under observation, quarantining strangers, and disinfecting goods. Such measures were dictated by a belief in the transmissibility of disease, founded on ancient tradition and practical experience. It would be difficult, said Dr. Ritchie, to find warrant for them in the theories of mediaeval medicine. He had tried to show that belief in the spiritual causation of disease had induced mankind, all over the world, to devise preventive measures, independently of orthodox medical teaching. He suggested that the popular conviction of the importance of contagion might have been inherited, in large measure, from such primitive beliefs and customs, and that they had thus contributed, indirectly, but none the less really, to the evolution of preventive medicine.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Ritchie for his very interesting and original address, and afterwards Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie entertained those present to tea.

ABERDEEN BRANCH: ABERDEEN DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Aberdeen Division was held on June 28th. The Report of Council and motions by Divisions for the forthcoming Annual Representative Meeting were considered and discussed in detail, and instructions given to the representatives.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: BRISTOL DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the Bristol Division was held on June 30th at Weston-super-Mare, when 115 members and friends were entertained to tea at the Weston General Hospital by the hospital president, Mr. H. C. Butt, J.P., and shown round the new hospital extensions and special departments. The business of the meeting was afterwards transacted at Ellenborough Hall, the residence of Mr. Richard Warren, fifty-two members being present.

The members and guests were subsequently entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Mr. Richard Warren was elected chairman for 1928–29, and Mr. Duncan Wood vice-chairman.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MID-CHESHIRE DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Mid-Cheshire Division was held at the Altrincham General Hospital on June 26th.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee, made at their meeting on June 10th, regarding instructions to the representative in the Representative Body, were considered and adopted.

Dr. T. W. H. GARSTANG gave an address entitled "Personal reminiscences of the profession during fifty years, and of the British Medical Association during the last twenty-five years." He first spoke about the election of direct representatives on the General Medical Council, and advised members to support the nominees of the British Medical Association. He next described the "battle of the clubs" in 1880–90, and pointed out that the best pay which the general practitioner then obtained from each club member was 4s. per annum. He gave an interesting account of the growth and organization of the British Medical Association and of its Mid-Cheshire Division. A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Garstang concluded the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.

AT the annual general meeting of the South-West Essex Division on June 5th the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. W. M. Badenoch. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. J. L. McKenzie Brown. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Helen M. Jardine.

The honorary charities secretary, Dr. BADENOCH, reported that as a result of appeals sent out, *plus* the proceeds of the Division dance, £41 19s. had been collected during the year. He proposed to circulate another appeal shortly.

Mr. RUSSELL HOWARD spoke on some aspects of surgical emergencies. He said that a former generation of surgeons had devised practically all operations now being done; his own generation had perfected the technique; it remained for the next generation to discover the cause of disease and do away with the necessity for surgical intervention. Surgical emergencies required much more skill than other surgical operations. Early diagnosis and early operation were all-important in acute cases. The earlier the operation the less difficulty in operating and the less risk of complications ensuing. The increasing number of hospitals with local surgeons made early operation much more possible. Every case of acute appendix should be operated on—the sooner the better. Elaborate after-treatment was not necessary. Rest was the great essential.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Russell Howard for his address.

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH: OXFORD DIVISION.

THE fourth meeting of the year of the Oxford Division was held at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on June 27th, when Dr. MONTGOMERY was in the chair and thirty-six members were present.

Dr. H. Hill (Steeple Claydon) was elected an associate member of the Division.

Dr. YELF (representative of the Division) reviewed the main points in the Annual Report of Council. The meeting decided to instruct the representative to support the Council, especially on the question of fees for juvenile Oddfellows.

The secretary was instructed to forward to headquarters the following amendment to the motion by the South-West Wales Division regarding maternal mortality and morbidity published in the *Supplement* of May 12th (p. 210):

> That the following be added to the motion: "and that in addition the scale of fees payable under the Act should be favourably revised with special reference to those for post-partum haemorrhage, retained placenta, and abortion or miscarriage, and that the Council be instructed to take the necessary steps towards this end."

Dr. GRAHAM BRILL showed a girl, aged 16½, with congenital heart disease.

Dr. L. W. HOWARD BERTIE showed a young man, aged 20, who was attending the Oxford Eye Hospital for hemianopsia, constriction of the visual fields, and bilateral optic atrophy. The teeth displayed deficiency in the enamel, but were not typically Hutchinsonian. There was a marked ridge on the skull, corresponding to the coronal suture, which had been noticed by the patient since the age of 6 years. An *x*-ray examination indicated marked thickening of the skull, limited to the parietal and occipital bones, which appeared to be fused without any trace of a suture. The pituitary fossa was extremely shallow. The test for syphilis was negative. *Provisional diagnosis:* Possibly a slow-growing pituitary tumour.

Mr. W. W. WAGSTAFFE showed a man, aged 39, on whom he had operated for the removal of a calculus from the left ureter. The

case had been described at the last meeting of the Division, which was very shortly after the operation. The patient still had a certain amount of pus in the urine, but beyond that he appeared to be going on very well indeed. He also showed a man, aged 22, who had a severe motor bicycle accident in April, which involved a fall on the head and severe concussion, together with a haemorrhage from the left ear. Facial paralysis on the left side came on within two days after the accident, although not noticeable immediately at the time of its occurrence. A very abundant purulent discharge from the left ear developed four weeks after the accident, and a radical mastoid operation was performed with the idea of diminishing the risk associated with the sepsis of this fractured bone. It was not hoped to alter the course of the facial paralysis very much, but merely to guard against the risk of sepsis. At the operation a vertical linear fracture was found running through the temporal bone and meeting the external auditory meatus at its upper posterior aspect; the fracture had extended into the petrous temporal bone. The case was interesting in view of the onset of the facial paralysis, and the fact also that the operation was performed six weeks after the injury. Nine weeks after the injury there was no appreciable union in the squamous portion of the central bone.

Mr. H. A. B. WHITELOCKE showed a specimen of a renal calculus measuring 1⅝ inches in length, and 1⅝ inches in circumference, which had become impacted in a lady's urethra for fifteen hours, causing retention of urine. After disimpaction it was passed by the patient six days later by manipulation without an anaesthetic.

Mr. R. H. ROSE-INNES described the medical services now provided by the Scottish Board of Health for the Highlands and Islands Medical Service, and their subsequent development into a specialist surgical service inaugurated in 1924, and carried on by him to the end of 1927. He mentioned the difficulties of starting such a scheme, which was the first of its kind in Great Britain. He gave an amusing and interesting account of his experiences and conditions of work, and ended with a general talk on the angling facilities of such a life.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST WALES DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the South-West Wales Division was held at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, on June 28th. It was preceded by a very pleasant luncheon given by the retiring chairman, Dr. D. H. Pennant, D.S.O., to the officers of the Division and the Executive Committee. At the close of luncheon a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Pennant for the excellent manner in which he had carried on his duties as chairman and for his hospitality was proposed by Dr. C. A. BRIGSTOCKE, seconded by Dr. T. J. JENKINS, and received with acclamation.

At the annual meeting the following officers were appointed:

Chairman, Dr. W. A. T. Lloyd (Llandilo). *Chairman-Elect*, Dr. Abraham Thomas (Aberystwyth). *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. A. H. D. Smith, *M.C.* (Llanelly).

It was unanimously decided to nominate Dr. David Phillips (Llandilo) as president-elect for the South Wales Branch.

The agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting was considered and instructions were given to the representative of the Division, Dr. T. R. Davies (Llanelly).

Dr. D. H. PENNANT introduced his successor, and thanked the members for the support they had given him during his term of office.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISION.

BY the kind invitation of Major-General Sir Samuel Guise Moores, K.C.B., C.M.G., a meeting of the Isle of Wight Division was held in the Victoria Hall, Osborne House, on June 9th. Colonel W. P. MACARTHUR, D.S.O., professor of tropical medicine, R.A.M. College, gave an exceedingly interesting address on old-time typhus in Britain. Lecturing in his inimitable style, without notes, he held the complete attention of an audience composed of members, their wives, and friends.

The chairman, Dr. A. A. BURRELL (Ryde), in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, remarked that he had never heard a more admirable lecture—clear, decisive, and leavened by humour. Sir S. GUISE MOORES seconded, and the audience responded with acclamation. Afterwards the members and their friends sat down to supper in the Osborne Cottage Hotel, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

THE annual business meeting of the Portsmouth Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on June 21st, when Dr. LYTLE presided. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. P. H. Green. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. H. H. Warren. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. F. C. B. Gittings. *Clinical Secretary*, Mr. C. A. Scott Ridout.

The honorary secretary's report was approved and the secretary was thanked.

Alteration of Rule 5 of the Portsmouth Division was approved—namely, to insert "immediate past-chairman" after vice-chairman, the present rule being:

"The officers of the Division shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, who shall act as treasurer, and the librarian for the time being."

The Annual Report of Council was discussed and the representatives instructed. The proposed paying centres for infant hygiene were considered unnecessary inasmuch as the instruction could be given by the patient's own doctor. The efforts of the Division in connexion with medical benevolence were deemed to be satisfactory. With reference to the question of the contract rate for juvenile Oddfellows it was decided to support the amendment of the Wandsworth Division, since it was felt that the fees should be not less than 13s. The recommendations with regard to assistant medical officers to mental hospitals, and also regarding the status of district tuberculosis officers, were approved.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Lytle for his services, coupled with the name of Mrs. Lytle.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the South Staffordshire Division was held at the General Hospital on June 14th. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Dr. R. S. Burd. *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. B. Gridland. *Secretary*, Dr. J. H. Sheldon.

Dr. T. C. Craig was nominated as the chairman for the Staffordshire Branch for the year 1929–30.

In discussing the Annual Report of Council for the instruction of the representatives, the Division felt that the amendment put forward by the Bristol Division regarding pathological services should be supported, and desired that, if it is possible, the South Staffordshire Division should be put down as also bringing forward the same amendment.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Wiltshire Branch was held at the County Mental Hospital, Devizes, on June 27th, when the president, Dr. TANGYE, was in the chair.

The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. A. W. K. Straton. *President-Elect*, Election postponed for nomination by Swindon Division. *Vice-President*, Dr. Tangye. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. F. F. Bond.

The reports of the Medical Advisory Committee on Ante-Natal Examinations, and of the Committee *re* Motor Accidents, were approved, as was also a resolution of the Wilts Insurance Committee with regard to health propaganda.

A letter from the Medical Secretary, containing an offer of a demonstration by United Dairies Ltd., was referred to the Divisions.

The names of Dr. Flemming and Dr. Bond were approved for co-option to the Child Welfare Committee of the county council. It was agreed that in future nominations to the committee should be made annually at an early meeting of the Branch.

A letter was received from the clerk of the county council, asking for the views of the Branch as to local practitioners undertaking to staff additional infant welfare clinics in the event of such clinics being established by the public health committee for the systematic supervision of children between the ages of 1 and 5. The letter was referred to the Medical Advisory Committee for report to a special meeting of the Branch.

A British Medical Association Lecture on the modern treatment of hernia by trusses was delivered by Mr. W. MCADAM ECCLES. After describing the essential features of a properly constructed truss, and the points to be observed in measuring the patient and adjusting it, Mr. Eccles gave a demonstration of the actual application of various forms on a patient. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Eccles for his very practical and instructive lecture.

By the kindness of Dr. Cole and the committee of the institution tea was provided after the meeting.

Association Notices.

TABLE OF DATES.

July 20, Fri.	*Annual Representative Meeting*, Cardiff, 10 a.m. Nominations for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives must be received (at A.R.M., Cardiff) by this date, 2 p.m.
July 21, Sat.	*Annual Representative Meeting*, Cardiff.
July 23, Mon.	*Council*, Cardiff. *Annual Representative Meeting*, Cardiff.
July 24, Tues.	*Annual Representative Meeting*, Cardiff. Annual General Meeting, Cardiff, President's Address.
July 25, Wed.	*Council*, Cardiff. Conference of Honorary Secretaries, Cardiff. *Meetings of Sections*, etc., Cardiff.
July 26, Thurs.	*Meetings of Sections*, etc., Cardiff.
July 27, Fri.	*Meetings of Sections*, etc., Cardiff.

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary*.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Captain C. T. Baxter to the *Virid* for R.N. Barracks, Devonport.

Surgeon Commanders L. Warren to the *Queen Elizabeth*; A. Craig to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Barracks, Chatham, and to the *Emerald* on recommissioning; J. D. Keir to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Barracks, Chatham; A. G. Taylor to the Cairo; T. J. O'Riordan lent to New Zealand Division.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders J. W. Tighe to the *Pembroke* for Sheerness Dockyard; H. L. Douglas to the *Cairo*; J. E. Clark to the *Tamar*.

Surgeon Lieutenant E. J. Weeks to the *Fisgard*.

Messrs. J. G. Ollerenshaw, T. W. Froggatt, and A. N. Forsyth have entered as Surgeon Lieutenants for short service, and appointed to the *Victory* for Haslar Hospital for course of instruction.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenants L. C. Rogers transferred to the Bristol Division; D. C. Wilson to the *Selkirk* for training.

Messrs. A. D. Hepburn and K. E. L. Yuill have entered as Probationary Surgeon Lieutenants and attached to Bristol Division, List 2.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major W. J. Dunn, O.B.E., retires on retired pay and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The following Captains to be Majors: J. Cullenan, C. O. J. Young, M.C. (prov.), R. N. Phease.

Temporary Lieutenant P. Weiner relinquishes his commission.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenants R. J. K. Chattey to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; E. J. Mockler to Aircraft Park, India; P. H. Perkins to R.A.F. General Hospital, Irak.

Flying Officer J. F. McGovern to R.A.F. General Hospital, Irak.

Flying Officer F. A. O'Connor resigns his short-service commission.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Captain D. R. Thomas to be Major.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Majors: W. A. Lethem, M.C. (late Major R.A.M.C. Militia), with precedence as from July 20th, 1925; Captain D. P. H. Gardiner.

Captain A. U. Webster, M.C., relinquishes his commission.

To be Lieutenants: J. V. Dunn (late Surgeon Sublieutenant R.N.V.R.), H. Broadbent, F. H. Hollingshead, Lieutenant R. I. Poston (late R.G.A. Special Reserve), Second Lieutenant S. G. M. Lynch (late R.A.F.), F. Lawrence (late Second Lieutenant M.G.C.).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain J. C. Knox, from the active list, to be Captain.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Captain R. Nixon and Dr. H. H. B. Follit appointed Senior Sanitation Officers in the Tanganyika Territory; Dr. H. P. S. Gillette appointed Medical Officer, St. Lucia, Windward Islands; Drs. A. Bearblock, C. R. Amies, J. C. Milne, C. H. Williams, J. C. P. Grey, and R. S. Johnston appointed Medical Officers, Malayan Medical Service; Dr. V. E. K. Stuart appointed Lady Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service; Dr. T. A. Jermy appointed Medical Officer, Zanzibar; Dr. H. Mercer-Ricketts appointed Junior African Medical Officer, Gold Coast.

VACANCIES.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE UNION.—Second Resident Assistant Medical Officer of Lake Hospital and Darnton House. Salary £150 per annum.

BATH: ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £175 per annum.

BLACKBURN COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Dentist. Salary £475 per annum, rising to £500.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

DEVON MENTAL HOSPITAL, Exminster.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £300 per annum, rising to £350.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.1.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

GRAMPIAN SANATORIUM, Kingussie.—Resident Medical Officer.

GRIMSBY: COUNTY BOROUGH AND PORT OF GRIMSBY.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £700 per annum.

HASTINGS: ROYAL EAST SUSSEX HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—Casualty Officer (male). Salary £150 per annum, rising to £200.

KENT COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Maidstone.—Medical Superintendent. Salary £1,000 per annum.

LINDSEY COUNTY COUNCIL.—Resident Medical Officer of Sanatorium, Assistant Tuberculosis Officer, and School Medical Inspector. Salary £450 per annum.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART.—House-Physician.

LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL.—(1) Male Physician. (2) Two Male Surgeons. (3) Female Gynaecological Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—Alfred Jones Chair of Tropical Medicine. Stipend £1,000 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: KENT COUNTY OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL HOSPITAL.—Aural House-Surgeon (unmarried). Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—(1) Resident Medical Officer (male); salary £250 per annum, rising to £300. (2) Surgical Registrar to the Ophthalmological Department; remuneration £100 per annum.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £120 per annum.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOROUGH.—Woman Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare Work. Salary £600 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Casualty Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

RICHMOND, SURREY: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Honorary Assistant Radiologist. (2) Junior House-Surgeon (male); salary £100 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male). Salary £180 per annum.

SHREWSBURY: ROYAL SALOP INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £160 per annum.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—Examiner in Midwifery.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Bacteriologist for one month. Salary £10 10s. per week.

STOCKTON AND THORNABY HOSPITAL, Stockton-on-Tees.—(1) Senior Resident Medical Officer. (2) Junior Resident Medical Officer. (Males, unmarried.) Salary £175 and £150 per annum respectively.

WOOLWICH AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. Honorarium £125 per annum each.

WORCESTER COUNTY AND CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £300 per annum, rising to £350.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment at Linlithgow (West Lothian) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

MEDICAL REFEREE UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1925, for the district of the Clerkenwell County Court (Circuit No. 41). Applications, from physicians, to the Private Secretary, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, by August 9th.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

GOUGH, J. H. Harley, M.A.Camb., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department of the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—*Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital*, Broad Street, Holborn, W.C.2: Thurs., 3 p.m., Special Demonstration; no fee.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics; Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics; Operations.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Skin Department, Genito-urinary Operations, Surgical Wards; 2 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Eye and Gynaecological Out-patients, Operations. Tues., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Wards, Demonstration Venereal Diseases, Electrical and Dental Departments; 2 p.m., Medical Wards, Medical, Surgical, and Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients, Operations. Wed., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Wards, Children's Out-patient Department, Pathological Demonstration; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Medical and Eye Out-patients, Operations. Thurs., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Neurological Department, Massage Department; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Eye, Genito-urinary Out-patients, Operations. Fri., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Wards, Dental, Skin, and Electrical Departments, Clinical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients, Operations. Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, Bacterial Therapy Department, Medical Wards, Children's Out-patients.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

MACDONALD.—At 27, Welbeck Street, London, W.1, on July 4th, to Dr. and Mrs. Donald Macdonald (Dorothy Christie, M.B., Ch.B.), of Surbiton, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CAMPBELL-WEBSTER.—At the Parish Church, Bathgate, on July 12th, by the father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Professor D. Lamont, D.D., Rev. J. Lindsay, M.A., and Rev. Donald Campbell, William R. C. Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., 8, Graingerville North, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Laura W. Webster, M.B., Ch.B., The Manse, Bathgate.

MORTON-WARDEN.—At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Kensington, on July 11th, by the Rev. Mr. Purves-Boyes, Mr. Ralph Morton, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., youngest son of Mr. James Morton, Claremont, Dumfries, to Dorothy Joyce, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Warden of West Dulwich.

NEILAN-SMITH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, Stockton-on-Tees, on July 14th, by the Rev. J. Pattison, Charles James Neilan, L.A.H.Dub., of Seaham Harbour, to Dorothy Forster Smith, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith of Egglescliffe, co. Durham.

POOLER-MARSHALL.—On July 5th, at the Chapel of St. Salvator, University of St. Andrews, Alan Frederick Roberts Pooler, M.B., Ch.B. St. Andrews, second son of Dr. and Mrs. Pooler of Stonebroom, Derbyshire, to Jean Hilda Marshall, M.A. St. Andrews, only daughter of R. S. Marshall, Esq., and the late Mrs. Marshall of Driesh, Forfar.

RIDDLE-CALDER.—At the Bath Hotel, Glasgow, on July 10th, 1928, by the Rev. R. W. Forbes, Edmund Murray Ralston Riddle, younger son of the late James Riddle, "Chesters," Paisley, and Mrs. Riddle, Kirn, to Dr. Jemima Marianna McKechnie Calder, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Marcus Calder and of Mrs. Calder, 266, Paisley Road West, Glasgow.

DEATH.

KERR.—On July 13th, at 70, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport, Nettie Russell Donald, wife of Dr. James R. Kerr.

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